First Commencement of College Marked by Interesting Exercises.

Exercises.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Sweet Briar, Va., June 11.—The final exercises at Sweet Briar College were attended by more than usual interest since this year the first graduating class leaves the college and the first commencement was celebrated.

On Sunday, June 5, the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. W. E. Rollins, chaplain of the college. Dr. Rollins took as his text Matthew x. 8: "Freely by have received, freely give."

Monday afternoon the senior class gave a garden party in the rose garden, surrounding the administration building, which was originally Sweet Briar House. A more ideal spot than the old-fashioned garden, with its high boxwood hedges, cannot be imagined. That evening a concert was given by the musical department of the college. Tuesday at 4:30 the class day exercises were held, a most interesting and delightful ceremony to all connected with the college. At 8 P. M. the Dramatic Club presented "As You Like It" in the dell.

The commencement exercises were held Wednesday morning, the speaker of the occasion being Dean Briggs, or Harvard University. The program began with music by the Glee Club and college orchestra, followed by prayer by Bishop Tucker, of Lynchburg. Then Dr. Benedict made a brief address, giving the history of the foundation of the college. He told of the gift of Mrs. Williams, in memory of her only daughter, a gift which was not one

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tean Briggs, following Mr. Tucker, e a brief history of the work of past half-century in regard to the teation of women and the founding nen's colleges. He refuted argu-against the higher education of and defended this training in

men, and detended the ceful language.

N. C. Manson, member of the board directors, then made a brief address the seniors, and presented the de-

standards and high ideals, and rendered efficient aid in the mak-of the college. Their devotion and ty could leave nothing to be de-..." He then spoke of the rapid and ifying growth of the college, and deal as that of the proportionate

PROGRAM FOR FINALS AT HAMPDEN-SIDNEY

Exercises Begin Sunday With Sermon by Dr. W. W. Moore—Major Hemphill to Make Address.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Hampden-Sidney, Va. June 11.—The following is the program for the Hampten-Sidney commencement exercises, which begin on Sunday, June 12; The baccalaureate sermon before the raduating class, at 11 o'clock, will be preached by Dr. W. W. Moore, of Richmond. The sermon before the Y. M. C. A. will be preached at 8 o'clock

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FINAL EXERCISES AT WASHINGTONANDLEE

Commencement Opens With Baccalaureate Sermon To-Day—Tuesday Will Be Alumni Day. Bronze Tablet to Liberty Hall Volunteers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] of fire the company lost eight killed and seven wounded. Rev. G. B. Strick-morning, Bishop J. C. Kilgo, D. D. ler, D. D., of Union Theological Semi-

On Wednesday morning the address before the Society of Alumni will be made by Robert T. Huhard. Jr. of Fayetteville, W. Va., after which R. E. L. Blanton, of Richmond, will deliver the McAllister Athletic Trophy. Following this there will be the announcement of prizes and distinctions, the awarding of degrees, and delivering of the diplomas.

The usual society events in the way off germans and other entertainments will take place, and a large number of alumni is expected.

watches of the night. There will be present at the unveiling twenty-three of the twenty-five living members from seven Southern States.

remnant surrendered

recently elected professor of law at Harvard University, to be followed by a banquet to the alumni and especially the Liberty Hall Volunteers.

Commencement Day.

Wednesday, June 15, will be commencement day with the usual proceeding of conferring degrees in the academic, engineering and law schools. There will be about one hundred graduates. The exercises will be closed with an address to the students by exgovernor Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia. The annual address before the literary societies will be made Tuesday morning, by the Hon. W. U. Hensel, of Pennsylvania.

A special effort is being made to have a large number of alumni present on this occasion, and a strong appeal has been sent out North, South, East and West, which is meeting with a hearty response.

CLOSING OF PALMYRA NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL

Interesting Exercises Held—Certificates in Training Course
Awarded,
Palmyra, Va., June II.—The Palmyra Normal High School commencement exercises were celebrated in the courthouse here this week. An interesting program was rendered on Monday and Tuesday evenings, reflecting credit upon both teachers and pupils. The large crowds present testified to the general interest in the welfare of the school.

Rev. L. H., Walton made the annual address. He took as his subject "Success," and under that head gave an elequent, earnest and inspiring talk to the boys and girls.

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The highest honor certificates of the High School were delivered by Prof. Jordan to Misses Louise and Salle Whils Holland, Misse Louise and Salle Whils Holland, Misse Louise and Salle Whils Holland, Misse Louise Shifiett and Eustace Winn. Dixinctions in the grammar grades were given to Marguerite Haden. Russie Holland, Clemantine Smith, Maud Wood; in the primary to Dorris Bowles, Nella Whilton, Butie Holland, Ida Omohundro, Thomas Shifiett, Letting Grinnen, John Rosson, Lacy Smith and Lawreence Gray.

For being neither abpent nor tardy the entire session prizes were given to Elma Whilton, Jessie Campbell, Linwood Lloyd, Irma Lloyd and Marguerite Haden. H. O. Bell was the valedictorian of the school.

The pupils taking part in the musical program were Misses Louise Perkins, Wiginia Seay, Marguerite Haden, Feroe Smith, Cora Wills, Susan Sclater, Martha Pettit, Lolia Perkins, Mary and Wille Haden, Mand Wood, Elise Ryais, Ida Omohundro, Perk Mindy, Jania Bell,

A closing chorus sung by the whole school was written for the occasion by Miss Matty Howles, one of the normal (schera)

Dr. Howerton Will Preach Sermon-Tuesday Will Be "Alumni Day."

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with the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. J. R. Howerton, of Lexington. Rev. D. H. Ralston preaches the sermon before the Y. M. C. A. Sunday evenng. Tuesday morning Allen T. Eskridge, Jr., of Pulaski, makes the alumni address, and after the delivery of liplomas on Wednesday by President Barringer, Congressman C. R. Davis of Minnesota, will speak to the graduates.

The great "sham battle," the one event of the week to the people of this immediate section, takes places Tuesday afternoon, and the usual drills, dress parades and other military exercises will be given on the several days when the weather permits. The evenings are chiefly taken up with the dances of the various classes and clubs.

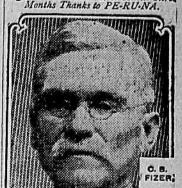
Tuesday, "Alumni Day," is always an important one, this being the time for class reunions, the alumni lunchoon, an open air concert in the even-

sension. That they still hold this sentiment is shown by letters and conversations. Therefore the fight, if there is one, must be forced or arise by accident.

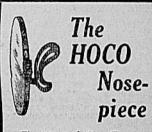
The buildings and grounds have been put in excellent shape by the regular men employed by the college for such work, the program for the week is an attractive one, and that the usual number of visitors will behere is shown by the reservations under for rooms and the incoming

Interesting Exercises Arranged for Lynchburg High School.
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Lynchburg, Va., June 11.—The commencement exercises of the Lynchburg High School will be held Monday evening at the Academy of Music, at which time Professor James S. Thomas,

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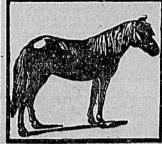
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